

Motorizing Famous Penn. State Police to catch Modern Auto Crooks



spurred his horse to the utmost, it was impossible for him to catch up with the bandit automobile. The disappointed sergeant tried to head off the car by telephoning, and then by appealing to city police, but without results. Later, when he reported his failure at headquarters, he was asked how he thought he could have captured the fellows. He replied that he could have done the trick easily had he learned to ride a motorcycle.

Take Motorcycle Course.

The troopers learned their "paces" on the motorcycles as only quick-thinking men can. Hardly eight weeks elapsed from the time the order for motorization was placed, to the time the men assembled on the capitol steps at Harrisburg, ready for action. Five men from each troop had been picked out and sent to Milwaukee for a three weeks' intensive course of training in the care and operation of motorcycles. This was done so that they, in turn, could assist in the training of their fellow troopers in the art of handling their machines which they have now accomplished. Of these, 23 had never ridden a motorcycle, and five of them not even a bicycle.

Teaching green men in two weeks all the ins and outs of motorcycle care, operation, and maintenance—knowledge that the ordinary motorcyclist gradually picks up during a year or two of training—is not the easiest thing in the world, but it was done. Each trooper, schooled in discipline, and with the motto "Your duty is to make the Pennsylvania state police force the finest thing in the world," worked in military style and with characteristic efficiency, until they mastered the mechanism.

As soon as the men finished training, they again began their patrols, and delighted to "show up" their fellow cops on the "beat" by bursts of speed that would have made them liable to arrest if they were not policemen. They have been the first to respond to calls for assistance at short notice; they have matched their speed with the most powerful racing cars and won, and have often escaped accidents only by sheer nerve. They have made their business to keep the tail light of a fugitive's car always in sight.

Hobo Gets Arrested For Washing His Shirt

DENVER, Colo., April 2.—Hoboes and cleanliness don't mix in Denver, according to a mandate laid down by the police department.

A knight of the road caught washing his shirt in a creek on the outskirts of Denver was arrested by Patrolman Bates.

"It's another one loose," Bates remarked.

The blotter at headquarters reads: "Reported lunatic in Cherry creek. Investigated by South Denver station. Hobo washing his shirt. Arrested on vagrancy charge."

The moral is somewhat clouded.

Poker Game in Progress in Limousine, Players Arrested

BOSTON, April 2.—A handsome limousine standing in Beacon St., Waban, attracted the attention of a policeman. He paused to watch awhile, saw two men get out and walk twice around the car and then get back inside.

Going closer, the officer peered inside and saw that the car held four men and that a foursome of poker was going forward merrily with real coins for chips. He arrested the four men.

"What was borrowed (by England from the United States) was borrowed with the fullest intent to repay, just as in any business loan."

—H. Gordon Selfridge, London department store head. (American born.)

From the waste of margarine, soap is produced.

BY H. C. SHERER.

While the famous Pennsylvania state police, for 15 years the most efficient and highly organized police force in the country, is not thinking of withdrawing its greatly admired horses from the service, as those signals still have their uses, especially in riot duty, time changes all things and in efficiency the Keystone state has again shown the way to keep up to date.

Many times in recent years, especially when on the track of an automobile thief or when endeavoring to run down one of that ever-increasing tribe of "speed fiends," the state troopers have felt the need of a swifter mode of traveling than was possible with their horses. So the force has finally been motorized.

Pennsylvania first tried out the motorcycle for its men less than a year ago, when at Harrisburg, the capitol, a group of state troopers, the finest and huskiest lot of men one could ever hope to meet, lined up before the capitol steps for inspection by Gov. Sprout. Every one in the "division," as it was called, was proudly designated by the commander as a "four-square, straight-shootin' he-man," and they sure did demonstrate who was boss of the law.

This group, in their sombre-grey uniforms and "Sam Brown" belts, looked good to the vast crowds that came to see them, and what is more to the point, they made good at once by recovering two high priced automobiles on their very first day of service.

Headed by Maj. L. G. Adams and Dep. Supt. Maj. W. H. Malr, the Pennsylvania state police force is composed of five troops with headquarters at different points throughout the state. Each troop has 14 sub-stations with three to five men and equipment, so that the state is virtually covered as with a blanket. Each of the five main troops is composed of one captain, one lieutenant, and 80 enlisted men. Each troop now has a full equipment of motorcycles as well as horses.

Have Perilous Experiences.

Ever since the motorcycle troopers got on the job, they have had enough hazardous experiences in an average day to last most persons a

year. The job of dealing with "speedy" criminals of all kinds has very frequently necessitated the use of pistol or club; of traveling miles at breakneck speed over a round-about course to head off a law-breaker bound for the state line, or giving chase to a recklessly driven automobile over a tortuous mountain road.

Late last summer the New Brighton sub-station was apprised of the fact that thieves had gotten away with the city recorder's car from in front of the Pittsburgh County-City building. Pvt. Broese, on his motorcycle, after an exciting chase, overhauled the car. The men were heavily armed and strongly resisted arrest, but Pvt. Broese, single-handed, arrested and disarmed them. The prisoners had with them a veritable arsenal of automatic revolvers and cartridges, as well as a complete apparatus and tools for the erasure and reprinting of automobile numbers.

While on night patrol duty on the Lincoln highway, a motor policeman observed a wildly-careening car advancing toward him at a high rate of speed. He gave chase. The reckless driver swung his car sharply to the left in an effort to run down the state cop directly behind, every time he approached at the rear of the car and commanded him to stop. This kept up for many miles until finally the motorcyclist decided on a show-down. He sped rapidly along until he was at the side of the driver, and then deftly shoved the barrel of his revolver into the fellow's ribs, and again commanded him to stop. He stopped, with a suddenness which sent the rear-seat passengers sprawling over those in front. The party of four was taken in. It was found that the automobile, as well as the load of booze, had been stolen.

Only a few weeks ago, Troop "A" headquarters received word that the messenger from the Citizen Deposit & Trust Co. in a western Pennsylvania city had been held up and robbed of \$2,000. Four young men in a big touring car, headed east, were alleged to be the guilty parties. Six motorcycle men were immediately dispatched to the scene from troop headquarters, and they began combing the entire vicinity. The

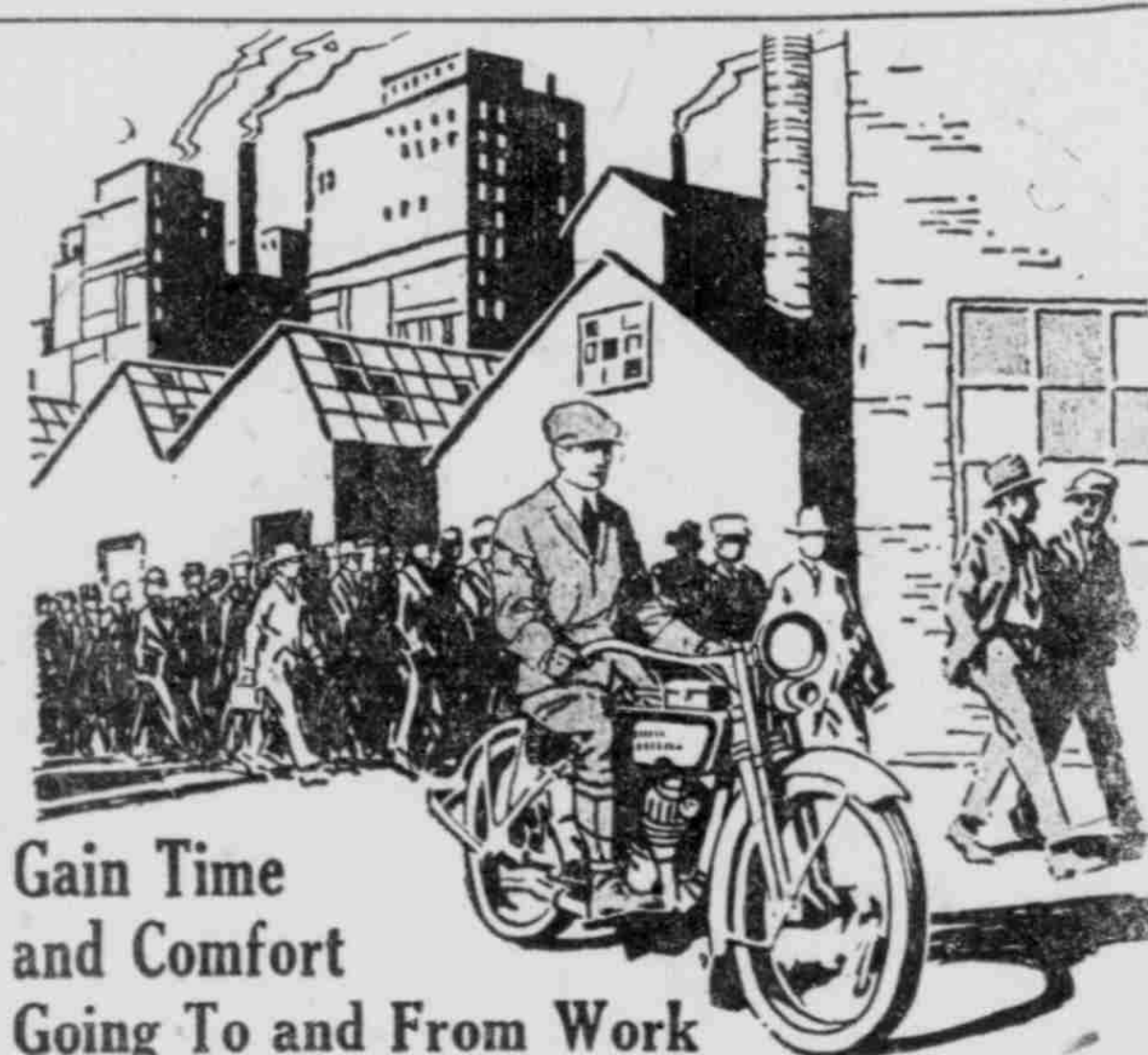
same day word was received from the garage in a near-by town that four men, with a big blue touring car, had come to the garage, and, after having a new tire fitted to one of the front wheels and the gas tank filled, politely thanked the garage-man by viciously assaulting him with an engine-starting crank.

Intercepted Car.

The Bedford station, in which direction the car was headed, was notified, and two motorcycle policemen from that station traveled 34 miles and intercepted the car with its load of crooks, after they had traveled 20 miles from the garage. The gang, while not guilty of the robbery of the messenger, admitted that they had robbed a garage at Beaver Falls. On investigation, it was found that two of the men were wanted by the city of Detroit for highway robbery and murder.

The need for motorcycles was brought out most pointedly, perhaps, while the first men were in training. An urgent call came into troop "D" headquarters from Butler, advising that a band of robbers with an automobile had looted the local bank, killed the bank president and cashier, and wounded a couple of others. The job was detailed to Sgt. Martin. The sergeant mounted his horse and speeded into the place at his charger's best pace, but the bandits had already skipped the town.

The trooper tried to borrow an automobile, but without any luck, and as a result, even though he



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South Bend and the Movies

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Mayor Carson will wield the pick which will mark the signal for the destruction of the old buildings on that site. The Mayor will officiate and President Edgar T. Johnson of the Chamber of Commerce will act as chairman, introducing the Mayor and the members of the Common Council and others who are prominently identified with the civic, social and commercial interests of South Bend will be present, so that the event will be one that will not soon be forgotten. Immediately after the Mayor dislodges the first brick, an army of workmen will start to raze the walls and excavators will begin operations to make room for the massive foundations upon which the new Palace Theater is to be constructed. Then, in addition, there will be—

A Band and a Camera Man

Here will be an opportunity for everyone in South Bend to see himself as others see him, for a Pathe News camera man will be on the job bright and early and take views of the ceremony. The pictures will be shown all over the United States, Canada and other foreign countries, so that the advertising value which will accrue from this alone will be of immeasurable benefit to South Bend, for no money in the world could purchase this kind of advertising. So be there with your prettiest smile and help to be the means of spreading South Bend's fame from coast to coast and from Maine to Texas. The band will dispense patriotic and popular airs to enliven crowd and there will be speeches by some of our well known townsmen. The Palace theater when completed will seat 3,000 persons and in addition to the theater the plans provide for a spacious ball room accommodating 1,000 persons, also 11 stores and lodge halls.

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J. Handelsman, Gen. Mgr.

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This refund represents savings in material prices under present readjusted conditions, which savings can be made provided Chevrolet factories continue to operate on the estimated average quantity production basis.

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Fifty thousand cars is the minimum which Chevrolet engineers estimate will secure substantial savings in cost in manufacture. These savings will be passed on to the purchasers of these fifty thousand cars.

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Retail purchasers of Model "Four-Ninety" cars since October 1st, 1920, will receive their certificates through their local dealers or retail stores on application to them.

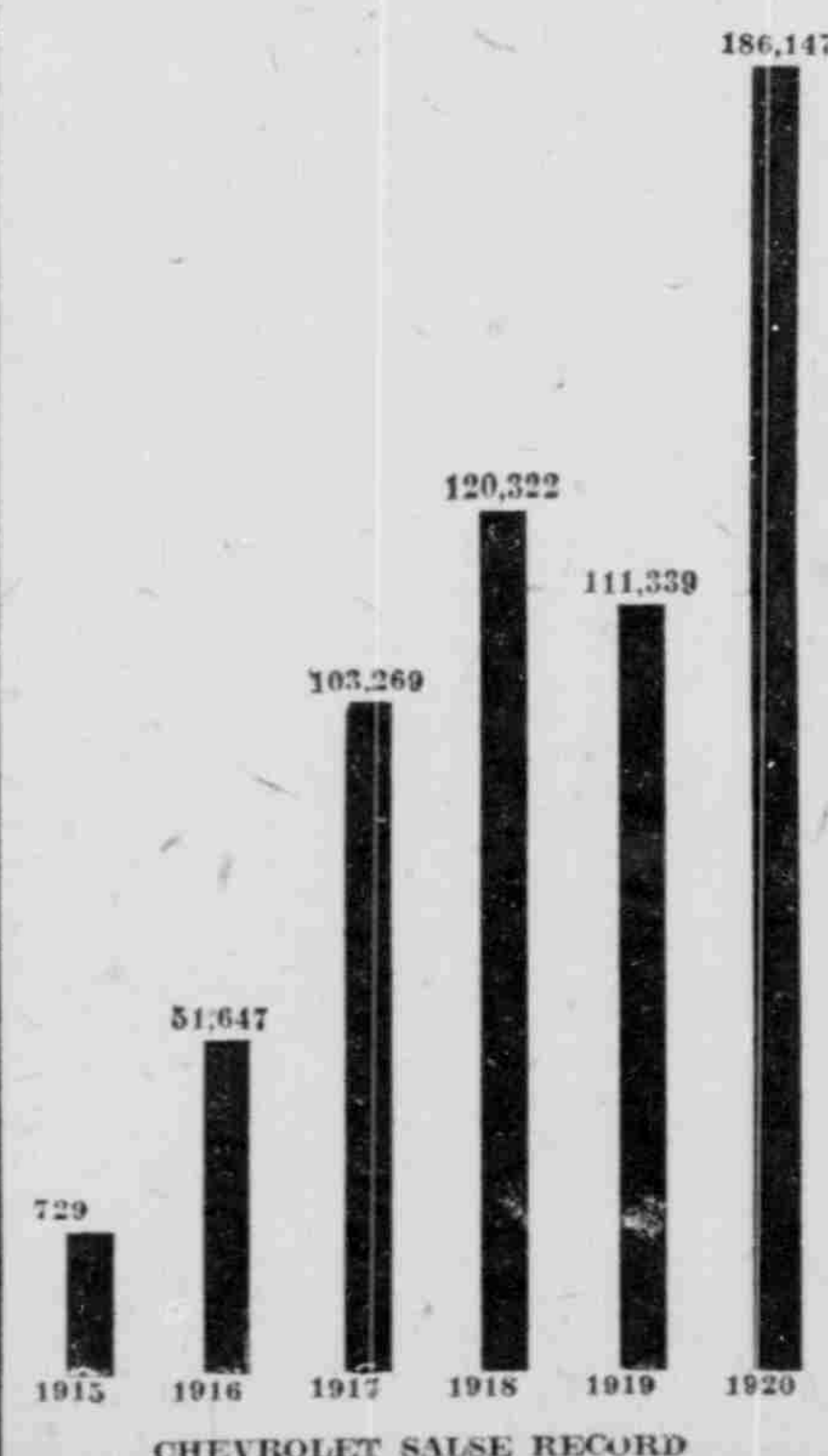
Production results will be announced not later than August 10th, 1921. Certificates will be subject to payment according to their terms, thereafter, up to September 15th, 1921.

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